Gandhi preaches peace, despite a violent youth

Students translate calls, save baby’s life

Heather Leaver-Spear
Staff Writer

On Thursday, February 19th, eight Bryn Mawr students helped try to save a baby’s life.

The students — Edith Lara, Karen Moreno, and Michelle Castro, ’98, Valentina Buj and Andrea Vera, ’01, and McBride student Claudia Leiva — came to the aid of the National Transplant Assistance Fund (NTAF) in Bryn Mawr when the office was bombarded with nearly 1,000 calls from Spanish-speaking potential donors.

The calls came from residents of the Miami area, who had seen a story that aired on a local Spanish-speaking television station about the NTAF’s fundraising efforts for Luis Eduardo Sanchez, a six-month-old baby living in Mexico, desperately needs a bone marrow transplant. The baby’s aunt, Teresa Fernandez, M.D. candidate at the University of Illinois in Chicago, called the NTAF in December looking for assistance in raising the $200,000 needed to fund the transplant surgery. The NTAF has pledged to raise another $80,000.

After the television story aired with the NTAF’s phone number, the office was swamped with phone calls, mostly from Spanish-speaking people. The staff, headed by executive director Patricia Kolff, was not able to keep up with almost non-stop phone calls from eager donors, most of whom they could not understand. Kolff then contacted the Spanish Department at Bryn Mawr, seeking assistance from Spanish-speaking students. The department’s secretary, Oliva Cardona, contacted Edith Lara, who in turn called other students from the Latino organization Mujeres in an attempt to get some students to go over to the NTAF immediately, as the offices were receiving between two and three calls per minute, almost all from Spanish speaking people. Lara and Karen Moreno worked the phones on Thursday; on Friday there were five students and Saturday there were four.

According to Lara, most of the callers were from a variety of perspectives: Asia Bennett, from the Quaker tradition, former Bryn Mawr College president Harris Wofford, Haverford Professor of Quaker Studies Emma Lapsansky and Swarthmore Professor of Religion Donald Swearer, who spoke about nonviolence in the Buddhist tradition. Villanova Visiting Professor of Philosophy Kevin Miles spoke on the transformative power of stories.

Nonviolence was presented as a personal, internal journey which is accomplished by refraining from violence but mainly by actively altering one’s world view. For many, this is the root of social change and activism.

The “lectures” took the form of surprisingly personal and often revealing anecdotes. Both Gandhi and Lafayette turned to nonviolence despite violent and dangerous childhoods. Each had a moment of awakening when they saw for the first time that the sort of person that violence had made them was not the sort of person they wanted to be.

Gandhi told a story of a youth filled with rage who went to see Martin Luther King, Jr. He said, "I was sent to look for it, in the dark. I thought, he must be kidding. It sounds ridiculous, but I had to do it.”

This youth then said, "We must cut down consumption—stop our wasteful habits.” Arun Gandhi continued. "On campus, my wife and I are looked upon as loonies who go around picking up these things on campus... Students come to us with pencils, saying here take this one, you don’t have to do this. But I hope they will someday learn what I’ve learned, that that is a kind of violence.”

Dr. Bernard Lafayette, the spokesperson for Martin Luther King, Jr., told of how nonviolence has been used in peaceful ways.

"Anger is a beautiful thing, a wonderful thing, which, just like electricity, can be useful. If we abuse it, it can be very damaging. With it, we could destroy ourselves and everything around us. But we bring it into the workplace and all around us. We control it. We must learn to control our anger.”

With words such as these, Arun Gandhi echoed the nonviolent philosophy of his grandfather Mahatma Gandhi in a speech to a crowded Marshall Auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. His talk was part of a series of discussions entitled “A Season for Nonviolence” and sponsored by The Global Dialogue Institute and Haverford College.

In addition to Gandhi, the talks featured Dr. Bernard Lafayette, the philosophical spokesperson for Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King. They were joined by representatives from different religious and academic traditions who discussed nonviolence and activism.
Bi-Co Crime Blotter
for the week of February 17-22, 1998

Bryn Mawr

Tuesday, February 17

5:17 a.m. Officers responded to the third floor of Rockefeller Hall on a fire alarm and found it had been activated by unattended food burning on a stove. Area ventilated.

8:16 p.m. A resident of Denbigh Hall reports that she slipped and fell on the wet floor and steps inside the Blue Bus. She was seen the next evening at the Health Center for minor soreness in her back.

Wednesday, February 18

2:59 p.m. An unregistered and illegally parked vehicle, determined later to belong to a resident of Rockefeller, was “BOOTED” when it was found to have seventeen unpaid parking tickets. Matter resolved and “BOOT” removed.

3:16 p.m. A resident of Pembroke West reports being harassed by phone and e-mail by a former boyfriend. The subject was notified by Public Safety through e-mail to cease and desist. Subject agreed.

Thursday, February 19

10:49 a.m. A vehicle belonging to a resident of Rhoads South was “BOOTED” while parked in the Lower Wyndham parking lot as a result of failure to pay fourteen parking tickets. Matter resolved and the “BOOT” was removed.

Friday, February 20

12:31 a.m. A resident of Rhoads South reports being followed by a suspicious male near Merion Green. Officers responded and found a resident student who fit the description above. Complainant notified and everything okay.

8:44 a.m. A member of Housekeeping Staff reports a board in a basement window of Dalton Hall, broken out with a stone. Entry not gained. Possibly vandalism.

2:25 p.m. Officers responded to the basement of Radnor Hall and removed a clothesline and garments hanging on fire sprinkler lines.

2:35 p.m. Officers responded to English House on a report of several suspicious males. Subjects were the guests of a professor. Everything okay.

3:15 p.m. A resident of Pembroke West reports her wallet stolen from her unlocked room while she was in the shower. A small amount of cash and some credit cards taken.

Saturday, February 21

12:46 a.m. Officers responded to Pembroke East on a report of a disorderly party with male guests roaming the halls. Party hosts contacted and advised. Officers remained in area for 30 minutes. No further problems.

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Sunday, February 22

3:14 p.m. Officers, along with Lower Merion Police, responded to the School of Social Work on a report of a 911 call from a pay phone at that location. The caller, described as a young male, was threatening to harm himself. A search of the building was made in company of the Dean and no one was found. Call believed to be a prank.

Several annoying and harassing phone calls were received by residents during the week.

Haverford

Wednesday, February 18

2:32 p.m. An unlocked bike, valued at $800, was stolen from a bike rack outside the Campus Center, sometime between 7:30 p.m. Tuesday to 2:15 p.m. Wednesday.

4:57 p.m. Someone tampered with the ignition of a student’s car which was parked on Carter Road behind Lloyd lot, sometime between 1 p.m. Tuesday and 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. A cellular phone was stolen from the vehicle as well.

10:42 p.m. The candy machine in Stokes lobby was forced open. It is unknown at this time if any candy or cash is missing.

Thursday, February 19

8:16 p.m. A faculty member reported a man kissing and hugging trees in the vicinity of the Duck Pond. This tree-lover was not found.

Friday, February 20

2:35 a.m. The gate arm was broken off at 2:25 a.m. by two intoxicated male HC sophomores, who were identified and admitted responsibility when confronted by Security.

Saturday, February 21

1:27 a.m. Five students, two from HC and three from BMC, were caught by Security in the tunnel under Comfort. The incident is being referred to their deans for action. They were detected by an alarm in the tunnel area.

Sunday, February 22

1:49 a.m. A group of males were reported fighting on the first floor of Lunt, but the fight had been broken up and the people departed before officers arrived.

2:38 a.m. People were reported yelling and screaming outside the North Dorms. There were still individuals departing from a party in Comfort who were told to quiet down.
Obscene calls return in force, plague Bryn Mawr students

Andrea Petranyi
Staff Writer

Bryn Mawr College residents have recently been flooded again by prank calls made in the late hours of the afternoon to the early hours of the morning. Many students are offended by the new wave of prank calls since a lot of them are reminded by the ones made last semester and last year when a male and female caller, the latter considered most likely to be a Bryn Mawr student, bothered students in the wee hours of the morning with their often vulgar noises or reports on the private lives of their victims.

Director of Bryn Mawr Public Safety John Maloney told the Bi-College News that many reports have been received about the new prank callers. He says that the calls made this semester are not as bad as last semester, when most of BMC's students were victimized by prank calls.

Up to now however, only a few women have reported the insulting calls. Rockefeller residents have been greeted with double rings at dawn this week. Although the double ring often means that the call is off-campus, Maloney says that when a Bryn Mawr student presses all the seven digits of an on-campus telephone number, there will be a double ring on one's telephone. This makes it difficult to determine whether the prank caller is a BMC student or someone off-campus.

It is yet to be established whether the prank caller is male or female. Some students have reported a voice of a female impersonating that of a male. There are also some suspicions that the caller is a male feigning a higher pitched voice.

Since most of the calls are made at dawn, the BMC residents are normally asleep and not on guard as to what they reveal about themselves or their friends to the caller. Maloney warned that the early hours give the caller a distinct advantage over BMC students or someone off-campus. The BMC residents are advised to be as alert as possible when getting a call, and they are asked to report all suspicious calls immediately to Public Safety.

Maloney says that the investigation is continuing in cooperation with Telephone Services. He says that this time the calls are at a lesser level than last year when Public Safety received hundreds of reports about annoying prank callers. The offending calls are taken seriously and he advises all students to be on guard that they are not letting private information out to some total stranger.

As one student said, "I really don't know who could be bothered to wake up so early to annoy other people, but we must seriously watch what we say when we aren't so sure as to who is on the line."

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CORRECTION

Last week the Bi-College News reported that Haverford's Honor Code did not pass at last year's Plenary. In fact, the Honor Code did pass at Plenary but later failed to be ratified by the student body.

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SHORT TAKES

Events taking place in the bi-co community

TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 1998

Tuesday, March 3
2:00-3:00 p.m. Employee Workshop, Managing Shift Work Stress, Campus Center 105, BMC.
4:00-6:00 p.m. Disability Awareness Week Talk, Law, Disability, and You, by Lisa Schur of Haverford College, Campus Center 105, BMC.
4:30 p.m. Gest Lecture. Richard Rath, Brandeis University, will give a talk entitled "Ranting and Railing: The Quaker-Puritan Controversy Over Singing Quakers." Refreshments will be served at 4:15 p.m. Magill Library, Special Collections, HC.
4:30 p.m. The Rufus Jones Associates presents a panel discussion entitled "Individuals Making a Difference: Diverse Perspectives on Improving the Environment." Discussants include selected faculty and Stephen T. Curwood, Executive Producer and Host of the National Public Radio environmental news program "Living on Earth," Sharpless Auditorium, HC.
9:00-11:00 p.m. Coffeehouse sponsored by SoCo. Campus Center Main Lounge, BMC. 10:00-11:00 p.m. The Mawr Side, Humor Publication Information Meeting, Campus Center 200, BMC.

Wednesday, March 4
4:30 p.m. The History Department in conjunction with the Distinguished Visitors Program presents Jacques Revel, President of the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, who will give a talk entitled "History versus Memory in Contemporary France." Reception following the talk on the 2nd floor Lounge of the Gest Center. Gest Center 101, HC.
7:00-9:00 p.m. Disability Awareness Week Video, My Left Foot. Discussion to follow. Thomas 110, BMC.
7:30 p.m. Rufus Jones Lecture. The Rufus Jones Associates presents Stephen T. Curwood, Executive Producer and Host of the National Public Radio environmental program "Living on Earth." Stephen Curwood will give a talk entitled "The Challenge of Climate Change for Science and Society." Sharpless Auditorium, HC.
7:30 p.m. "Introducing Buddhism", a monthly lecture and discussion series presented by the Philadelphia Buddhist Association. Topic for the month is "A Public Peace Process." Reception following the talk on the 2nd floor Lounge of the Gest Center. Gest Center 101, HC.
6:00-11:00 p.m. The Mawr Side, Humor Publication Information Meeting, Campus Center Main Lounge, BMC.

Thursday, March 5
12:30 p.m. College Meeting, Founders Hall Common Room, HC.
7:00-9:00 p.m. Talk, Women in the Bible, sponsored by Christian Fellowship, Campus Center 105, BMC.
8:00-10:30 p.m. Bi-Co Film Series: Albino Alligator. (1996) Thomas 110, BMC.
8:00 p.m. The Political Science Department and the Bi-Co Peace and Conflict Studies Program present Harold Saunders, Director of International Affairs at the Kettering Foundation and former Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs, Harold Saunders will give a talk entitled "A Public Peace Process." Tea at 7:45 p.m. Chase Hall 104, HC.

Friday, March 6
9:30-10:30 a.m. Employee Workshop, Introduction to the World Wide Web, Thomas Training Classroom, BMC.

Short Takes submissions should be e-mailed to biconews@haverford.edu by Friday for Tuesday publication.
Katie Hirce
Word Editor

Despite early semester funding complications, the third annual Charity Ball took place on Saturday in Thomas Great Hall. Proceeds from the ball, approximately $2,000, will go to benefit the American Cancer Society, the largest non-government funded research program, according to co-organizer Margaretta Robertson.

Robertson, along with Bryn Mawr Seniors Julie Chan and Sarah Pancoast, sought to involve both the students and the outside community in their cause. The three traveled to local businesses, gathering donations and door prizes from places such as Primavera Pizza Kitchen and Ann Taylor. In order to increase numbers, they also hired an 18 piece swing band from Westchester University to play for part of the ball.

These plans did not come about without some complication, however. Since the Charity Ball is such a large event, SGA budgets for it instead of having the organizers take money out of the Party Fund. During the budgeting process, however, Chan, Pancoast and Robertson were informed that there was already another charity group on campus, the Charity Fund Committee. Since the two groups had ultimately the same purpose, Robertson said they were told to work together.

Eventually, SGA did budget for the two groups separately under the understanding that the SGA Constitution states “The treasurer shall resume the responsibility of insuring that SGA funded events are free to Association members.” All members of the student body are members of SGA, and since the Charity Ball would be selling tickets for entry—$15 for one, $25 for two—this, according to SGA Treasurer Shamika Parah, would be in violation.

The Budgeting Committee tried to compromise for the Ball organizers. “After speaking to Renuka Babu, Honor Board Head, and Dean Tidmarsh, we decided to allow the Charity Ball Committee to use the term ‘Strongly Suggested Minimum Donation,’” Parah said.

Convincing they would be able to fund the ball outside of SGA, Chan and Pancoast looked into funding options within the administration. The two came up with enough money to cover the costs of the Ball. The organizing committee wrote a letter to SGA to decline the funding, and all money made from ticket sales will go to the American Cancer Society.

“The whole point is to get as much as we can for the American Cancer Society,” Robertson explained, adding that SGA “tried so hard to make things work for us, but we realized we had to go independent.”

LIBYA HAS RIGHTS ON LOCKERBIE CASE

The International Court of Justice of the United Nations stated that Libya has a right in the legal issue involving the 1988 bombing of PanAm flight 103. The ICJ ruled that it had jurisdiction to hear complaints from Libya against Britain and the US over their search for the bombers of the plane, which exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland en route to New York. The two suspects in the case are both Libyan. The Court also decided to consider Libya’s applications to the case as admissible even though these previously challenged the legality of UN sanctions on Libya after the bombing.

IRAQIS TO GET FULL FOOD RATIONS

For the first time since September, Iraqis will get their first full food rations in March under Baghdad’s oil-for-food deal with the UN. The basic food basket will include flour, sugar, rice and baby milk. The government will also be digging into its own reserves for more food baskets for the Kurdish areas in northern Iraq. UN staff will monitor the distribution of food. Iraq has been allowed under the food-for-oil deal with the UN since December 1996 to sell $2 billion worth of oil every 6 months in exchange for much-needed food and medical supplies.

CLINTON SUPPORTS BAN ON CYBERSPACE TAXES

President Clinton is in favor of banning new taxes on cyberspace business in the US and the rest of the world, saying that economic prosperity depended on the “full development of the Internet”. He endorsed legislation pending before Congress that will impose a moratorium on taxes that discriminate against electronic commerce. The legislation would block states or localities from imposing new taxes among Internet businesses. Current existing taxes may continue to be applicable as long as they do not discriminate against the electronic sale of goods and services. The National Governors Association disagrees though, stating that crucial state and local revenues would be lower. They are pressing for the non-taxation of Internet access, but for the continuation of taxing electronic commerce.

UK, IRELAND VOW TO BE UNFAZED BY BOMBINGS

The Prime Ministers of Britain and Ireland vowed not to allow the recent bombings to disrupt their current peace talks. Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern and British Prime Minister Tony Blair discussed the prospects for agreements between their states following their decision to suspend the involvement of the Irish Republican Army’s political wing Sinn Fein until March 9 after investigations indicated that the IRA was involved in 2 recent shootings in Northern Ireland during a cease-fire. Sinn Fein negotiators are still hopeful, however, that Blair will meet them to discuss their temporary exclusion in the talks.

THE BIGGER PICTURE:

News from the Real World

compiled by Assistant News Editor Carmen Jardeleza

Students enjoy the Charity Ball, held last Saturday night in Thomas Great Hall.
“We Speak” confronts race issues at Haverford

Sasha Reiders
Features Editor

On Thursday, February 26, the Black Students League (BSL) ended Black History Month with “We Speak,” an annual forum held in Chase Auditorium in which members of the BSL voiced their feelings about Haverford, unity, diversity, and identity through poetry, song, and other writings. Dialogue between students in an open forum followed the BSL presentations.

The event, which was attended by about 80 Haverford students and faculty, began with an introduction by Yolande Thompson ’98, president of BSL. Other speakers included Sheba King ’01, Simone Nish ’01, Eula Jackson ’99, Ntobeko Ntusi ’98, Donna Whyte ’98, Adrienne Harrison ’98, Kijana Saunders ’98 and Raymond MacLeish ’99.

Sheba King ’01 spoke first. She began, “My purpose is not to offend anyone… I feel it necessary to tell it as it is, to spell it out as I see it. It is for the distinct few who [it] might disturb, make happy, or set free.”

The next two and a half hours witnessed a multitude of speeches and presentations. Several students spoke about their disillusionment with Haverford, but also spoke about how it made them stronger and the things they did find here that were important to them. Eula Jackson said, “I’m not angry anymore. I’m not angry, but I may be tired…[My friends] are [at] Haverford, and they are what matters. I’m past ‘let’s all be one multicolored family.’ It can’t happen, and maybe it shouldn’t happen, and it won’t happen.”

-Eula Jackson

Ntusi spoke about his disappointment with Haverford and his experiences here over the past four years. He said, “I hope I can make you aware of a different side of Haverford and that Haverford means a lot of different things to a lot of different people, some less positive than others.” Ntusi spoke about the difficulty he found in fitting in with the same situation our parents were in. Now is not the time to relax. We are the men and women of an unfinished revolution. There’s still work to be done. Don’t just think that’s from a time gone past. If we’re not careful we’ll find our children in the same situation our parents were in. Now is not the time to relax. We are the men and women of an unfinished revolution. It is up to us to make sure that it gets finished.

After the students from BSL finished speaking, the floor was opened up for a community discussion. Many students spoke of their views on issues relating to race, including stereotypes, getting to know people of different races, the social Honor Code, conformity in the Haverford community, and political correctness at Haverford.

Becky Pastner ’00 commented on how she feels detached from many people on this campus who are different from her, while other students cited the need for more open, honest contact between races. Pastner said, “A lot of people lack social skills at this school. If you add race to it, it adds another impediment to going up to people and getting to know them.” Haverford is your friends, but people get trapped in their own little worlds — Stokes, their friends, their major… and they stop reaching out.”

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Raymond MacLeish posed several questions to the audience about race and Black History Month. He asked, “Why did you come to this? How connected to this do you feel?” MacLeish also spoke about the need to make further progress in racial issues. He said, “We are the men and women of a unfinished revolution. There’s still work to be done. Don’t just think that’s from a time gone past. If we’re not careful we’ll find our children in the same situation our parents were in. Now is not the time to relax. We are the men and women of an unfinished revolution. It is up to us to make sure that it gets finished.

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Gandhi, MLK spokesman address to HC as part of the “Season of Nonviolence”

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Harris Wolford contributed a Christian perspective, and echoed Swearer’s observation that nonviolence and violence are inextricably linked, even suggesting that the title of the series be changed from “A Season of Nonviolence” to “A Season of Violence.”

Kevin Miles also concentrated on the relation of violence to nonviolence as exhibited in the stories of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X. Miles said that viewing these individuals as complete opposites is “perhaps too easy, too simple, too quick,” and he claimed that such a reading is a consequence of the dialectical commitments of our Western culture.

“In this Western tradition we have always needed and have always employed dialectical thinking—oppositional thinking. We’ve been trained that way since we were children. I’m teaching my children the opposites, the Pythagorean table—I’m troubled by it, but doing it nonetheless.”

Ashok Gangadean, the organizer of the event hoped that the series would provide the Haverford community with “a deeper way of reaching beyond our worldly views, because violence erupts when our different world views collide.”

By presenting Gandhi alongside Dr. Lafayette, Professor Gangadean predicted, it would become clear that the philosophy of nonviolence is something which transcends culture and race: “They come from different worlds, and each will share his personal living encounter with nonviolence. We will see the living power of nonviolence in their lives.”

Spanish students save a life

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wanted to know the address of NTAF. Other callers were concerned about the baby’s health and whether or not the money had been put together already.” Some callers also wanted to know if “they could keep sending checks at a later time to help other kids” in need of transplants.

According to junior Ariadna Forray, her time at the NTAF mainly consisted of answering the calls that came in while calling back people who had left messages on the NTAF’s answering machine. “I had about 5 pages, front and back, of phone calls to return,” she said of her time there last Thursday. The callers were interested in not only donating money but bone marrow as well. She referred those callers to an 800 number for potential organ donors.

Two students returned on Wednesday, the 25th, to assist further with returning and fielding calls. The NTAF at that time said no more help was needed.

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Gubernatorial candidate joins Penn State prof’s pot protest

Emily Rehring
Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

(UP-WIRE) STATE COLLEGE, Penn. — In his first official appearance as the Libertarian candidate for governor of Pennsylvania, Ken Krawchuk joined retired professor Julian Heicklen yesterday in Heicklen’s weekly marijuana protest.

A crowd of about 100 people gathered to show their support for the legalization of marijuana, a key issue on the Libertarian platform.

“If you are in favor of legalization of marijuana, you’re in favor of the Libertarians,” Krawchuk said.

The relationship between the two began last weekend at the annual Libertarian Party convention where Krawchuk was named the party’s gubernatorial candidate. Krawchuk said he asked Heicklen if he could speak at the weekly marijuana protest.

“I am 100 percent behind Heicklen,” Krawchuk said. “It is great what the professor is doing.”

Krawchuk, from Abington, has been involved with the Libertarian party since he registered for that party in 1993. Working as a computer programmer since 1970, Krawchuk has also run several unsuccessful campaigns for state representative and Abington township commissioner.

In the last state gubernatorial election, the Libertarian Party, the third largest political party in the country, received 2 percent of the vote. Krawchuk said. He said he is confident he will be able to win more of the votes.

“If we have more support now than we had even two years ago,” Krawchuk said. “The numbers of Libertarians in Pennsylvania double every 18 months.”

The views of the party are based on the respect for the rights of the individual to seek freedom and happiness in any way they wish, Krawchuk said. Among their top priorities are legalizing marijuana and lowering the drinking age.

I am dedicated to repealing the insane war on drugs,” Krawchuk said. Krawchuk was met with mixed reactions from the crowd. Many people present for all of Heicklen’s protests wished to hear more about marijuana legalization and less about political strategy.

“I can’t say that I am in support of [Krawchuk],” said Richard Hebel (junior-electrical engineering). “I am in support of personal freedom, but I don’t smoke marijuana.”

Also in attendance at the protest were the students and community members charged with possession of marijuana with Heicklen two weeks ago. None of the protesters smoked yesterday or last Thursday in protest.

State College resident Alan Gordon was charged with possession and distribution of marijuana during the protest Feb. 12. Last Thursday, Gordon was arrested in a separate incident where several bags of marijuana and cash were seized from him, the State College Police Department said.

Gordon said the police seized cash and marijuana from him and it was documented incorrectly in the court reports. He said he was in possession of eight bags of marijuana, but documents state there were five. He also alleges that the cash seized from him is not recorded in the documents.

“I will win like I always do,” Gordon said. “It was very wrong and I have real concern about it.”

His preliminary hearing for the most recent incidents was scheduled for last Wednesday. However, it was continued and rescheduled for March 25. His preliminary hearing for charges from the Heicklen protest is scheduled for the same day.

Heicklen said his preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 18. He said he is trying to move the hearing to next week.

Preliminary hearings are also scheduled March 25 for University student Jennifer Corbett (freshman-psychology) and State College resident Ken Keltner, who were also charged for actions at the Feb. 12 protest.

The preliminary hearing is next Wednesday for charges against University student Andy Burke (sophomore-engineering).

Burke, Heicklen and Gordon will represent themselves while Corbett and Keltner are undecided in their legal strategy.

Student injured at HC dance

A Haverford student was injured Saturday night at a dance held in Haverford’s Campus Center. The student was dancing on the balcony outside the second floor at about 1:00 AM when he was accidentally knocked into the wall surrounding the balcony, witnesses said.

“I saw this guy spinning a girl around in the air,” one witness said. “I think he was going to put her down, but they had a lot of momentum and he wasn’t really steady, so he fell into another girl and banged her back against the wall.”

Security responded to the incident promptly, and paramedics were called to the scene and arrived within 10 to 15 minutes, witnesses said. The music on the second floor was stopped for several minutes, and the injured student was carried off on a stretcher as a precautionary measure. The injury turned out not to be serious.

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New Bryn Mawr SGA President Aya Fujimura-Fanselow '99 takes office
Unsuccessful Plenary makes ‘Fords question the Code

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The pro/con speeches and the resolution presentation, despite being the source of a very interesting debate, did not address the issue either. What I did hear, once again, was a lot about what the Honor Code does. A con speaker said that the Code presumes you’re guilty until proven innocent. A pro speaker said that it keeps Haverford from sucking like Swarthmore. The Honor Code, like El Nino, is apparently responsible for everything.

Why is it that none of the speakers even tried to summarize the actual content of the Honor Code in their arguments? One reason might be that if you look at the text of the Code itself, it really doesn’t say much. The Honor Code is remarkable in that it spends a lot of time talking not about any specific agreement between the college and its students, but rather about the importance of its own existence.

In typically self-referential fashion, the Code says that “the Code makes it possible for members of a diverse student body to live together, interact, and learn from one another in ways that protect both personal freedom and community standards.” It makes it possible for a climate of trust, concern and respect to exist among us, a climate conducive to learning and growing, and one without which our community would soon deteriorate.”

This is not an honor code; it is, yet again, a description of what the Honor Code does. Seemingly wherever you look, within the Code or outside of it, people are talking about what the Honor Code does in blissful ignorance of what it actually is.

Haverford’s web page, for example, in addition to saying that “the Code is not a list of rules” (one might also presume that the Code is not a stampeding elephant chained up in the basement of Stokes, but hey, you never know), also says that the Code “is a philosophy of conduct through honesty, integrity and understanding.”

Is that really what it is? The largest portion of the Honor Code describes — in excruciating detail — the exact procedures that are followed during an Honor Council trial. While it’s nice to know who’s allowed to bring which support people where, the fact remains that you can’t have an Honor Council trial unless there’s suspicion of an Honor Code violation.

But the Honor Code, as it is currently written, has almost no description of what an Honor Code violation is.

The Code does contain a small section which states pretty clearly that plagiarism and cheating are violations, and it describes in explicit detail what plagiarism and cheating are. But that’s about it. There is a four sentence paragraph which we have since come to call the “Social Honor Code,” but it is structured mainly as a series of recommendations: “Our social relationships should be based on mutual respect and concern. We strive to foster an environment which genuinely encourages respectful expression of values rather than unproductive self-censorship.”

The Code also states that failure to report an Honor Code violation is itself a violation, and, somewhat ominously, describes any “conduct [in] violation of community standards” as a “breach” which must be reported to Honor Council. It does not say what these “community standards” are.

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Shutting our eyes to another Hitler

Andrew Buchsbaum
Columnist

“Catholics and Communists have committed great crimes, but at least they have not stood aside, like an established society, and been indifferent. I would rather have blood on my hands than water like Pilate.”

—Graham Green

Let me give you a scenario. A country is laboring under the burdens of having lost a major war. Upon losing this war, the winners slapped this country with economic burdens and military restraints which never quite allowed this country to recover.

The leader of this country, a man rumored to be committing atrocities against his own people, has had enough of this treatment. In order to rebuild his country, he breaks the treaties imposed upon him.

The powers which had previ-

ously defeated this country are then given the choice: engage in a military action against a country whose people are already rather downtrodden, a morally ambiguous course easily interpreted as foisting their will upon a country which may or may not have been mistreated in the first place. Or, they could lay back and see what occurs.

Now, the question is, am I talking about Iraq in 1998 or Germany in 1935?

In the case of Germany, all the powers of Europe and America did nothing as Hitler re-militarized Germany in violation of the Treaty of Versailles. Perhaps they thought it would be too difficult to oppose Hitler. Perhaps the leaders of Eu-

rope, struggling with their own problems, thought taking on a war would be unpopular at home.

Perhaps some even believed that Germany had a right to disobey the harsh series of treaties imposed on them by the Treaty of Versailles. Having ignored Hitler once, it became all they more easy to ignore him later. When he declared Czechoslovakia to be ethnically part of Germany and invaded the Sudetenland in 1938, Europe still did nothing. England had already negotiated a treaty with Hitler, which it would have been immoral to break the treaties imposed by the HCA gate arm more than three times in one night.

But if you were to ask me to explain what the Honor Code is, I wouldn’t know where to start. And I believe the same goes for most members of this community, regardless of how many times they have read over its text.

This is a theory that has been in the back of my mind for quite some time now, perhaps from even before I came to Haverford, but it crystallized fully after last week’s Plenary. Since most of you didn’t bother showing up to Plenary, I’d better fill you in. There were four resolutions on the ballot, the last of which was the Honor Code itself. Now, resolutions A through C were fine — something about preferential balloting for Students’ Council co-officers who had been sexually assaulted by a Dean’s Panel. All well and good. The point is that each resolution had several paragraphs describing its purpose, the reasons for its introduction, and the actual changes that were being proposed.

But resolution D was different. It consisted of a mere three words, printed in 72-point font: “THE HONOR CODE.” And that was it — not even a complete sentence. Someone thought that three words were enough for the community to make an informed decision on whether or not to vote for an Honor Code they didn’t have in front of them and probably weren’t completely familiar with off the top of their heads.

Yes folks, it’s that time of year again — the Honor Code is in the midst of a crisis. The quorum problems at last week’s Plenary and the spectacle of Special Plenary looming ahead have many people questioning Haverford’s commitment to the Code, but I find myself confronted with a much more basic problem. I don’t even know what the Honor Code is.

Now before you run me out of the college — in a Quakerly fashion, of course — please understand that I am well aware of what the Honor Code does. As any good tour guide will tell you, the Honor Code allows us to have self-scheduled exams. It allows us to leave our bags unattended in the Dining Center and to live in a community of trust and respect. It prevents us from breaking
Lack of spirit in Code defeats its purpose

This vagueness is not an arcane issue. In the recently released Calvin abstract, although it was clear that Calvin’s actions violated the College’s drug policy, it was in no way clear that they were a violation of the Honor Code. In fact, a careful reading of the abstract shows that the jury needed to stretch quite a bit to find him in violation. Calvin’s drug dealing was ultimately found to be in violation of two parts of the introduction to the Honor Code which state: “The Honor Code depends for its effective operation on both our personal concern for each other and our collective concern for the maintenance of the community standards reflected in the Code. We realize that as part of the Haverford College community, our actions affect those around us and the reputation and the spiritual quality of this institution.”

Making a guest appearance on the Jerry Springer show while wearing a Haverford sweatshirt would also hurt the reputation and the spiritual quality of this institution,” but is it an Honor Code violation?

This isn’t just Honor Council’s fault – it’s a fundamental problem with a vaguely worded document. Because the Code says very little of substance, Honor Council has to interpret it as they see fit, and different Councils may produce different readings of the Code. We may have some added rights under the Code that we did not have one hundred years ago, but as Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia and others have pointed out, a judiciary that has the power to create rights also has the power to take them away.

Do we really know what the Honor Code is when we blindly pledge our support for it? Sixty-four percent of the people at Plenary voted for the sexual assault resolution, which would have drastically altered the way certain Honor Council trials are conducted. If they truly believed that this change to the Code was necessary, how could most of them turn around and vote for the Code’s ratification an hour after their resolution failed? Honor Code ratification cards have the option to vote for the Code with reservations, of course, but at Plenary there is no such option.

I abstained from voting for the Honor Code last Sunday, not for any of the reasons mentioned above, but simply because I was uncomfortable voting for it at a Plenary that was sixty people shy of quorum when discussion of the Code began, and only managed to get anywhere near quorum because a bunch of people were dragged into Marshall to stand in the back of the room for fifteen minutes.

However, unless I can figure out what the Honor Code is between now and the inevitable Special Plenary, I may be forced to abstain again.

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Is standing idly by the right way to deal with Saddam?

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When Kristallnacht occurred later that year and Jews across Germany were attacked, Europe and America continued to ignore. When Germany invaded Poland, and England and France finally declared war, America declared neutrality. But by now it was too late too late. Germany marched across France and, had not Hitler made serious tactical errors in declaring war on Russia and America, may never have been stopped.

Now we turn to Iraq. It may seem to be beating a dead horse at this point to be debating the actions or inactions of America towards Saddam Hussein. First, don’t believe that this is all over yet.

Hussein has pledged complete cooperation with UN inspection teams before, and those promises have been broken. We may yet see the return of American military forces. However, what is more important is understanding the delicate relation of politics and morality which came to the foreground during the recent conflict.

I make no excuses. A war with Iraq would have been at best morally shaky. We would have killed civilians. We may not have been able to completely stop Hussein. We may have ended up sending people to their demise over nothing more than obscure diplomatic dogma.

Yet, should we follow the example of France and England in 1935? Should we ignore the treaty that has been violated by a country which in 1991 initiated a program to give themselves the power to kill every human being in Israel? Do we, as Pilate did, recognize that we are in a morally ambiguous situation and simply wash our hands of the whole affair?

In the end, which is worse? To stand by and do nothing, refuse to take that stitch in time, or go forward realize we may be wrong? This is not an easy decision to make, and we cannot put out every fire before it starts. But in the case of a country which has shown its willingness to use military force, which has repeatedly violated agreements they once consented to, and which may have the power and desire to inflict massive death and cause a war much larger and more destructive than the action it would take to stop them now, is there really a choice?
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Ginger Clark is a senior major in women's studies.
Student interns find education outside classroom

Students are encouraged to take similar independent action by the Bryn Mawr and Haverford Career Development Office. According to Matthew Brink, one of the Bryn Mawr office's career counselors, such an independent slant will “hopefully mirror the job experience.”

He sees internships as an “exploration tool” for the student, and says that the office encourages students to “dabble” in different internships. He estimates that by their senior year, approximately one-half to two-thirds of the college’s students have done internships, most of which are unpaid.

Bryn Mawr senior Angel Neelankavil and Haverford senior Dan Ray are two students who have taken advantage of internship opportunities. Both discovered and applied for their positions independently, and did their work on a non-paid, volunteer basis. However, the similarity of their experiences ended there.

Neelankavil, an English major, interned at the Gordon Elliot Show in New York City two summers ago. She took the internship because she wanted to “try out communications.” Her experiences over the six weeks she spent there convinced her to try something else.

Neelankavil attended two studio tapings before the show went on hiatus, and mainly spent the rest of her time there answering phones from nine until five every day of the week. She says it was because interns such as herself were answering the phones that the Gordon Elliot show was the most popular morning talk show of the summer of 1995.

Instead of reaching voice mail (as they would with other talk shows), the callers would instead be able to inflict their feelings upon a live intern. Neelankavil says that callers called to talk about everything from show ideas to their sex lives.

Such calls, along with her experiences at the tapings of the shows, taught Neelankavil a great deal about the television industry. “Talk shows are the lowest life form of TV,” she states. Working in the industry, which she found useful.

While Ray and Neelankavil’s internships were confined to their vacations, students who find positions through Temple University’s Co-Opt Program often have to be prepared to give up their classes to work five days a week for about six months out of the year. The program revolves around getting college credit through internships. Oftentimes, in addition to their credit, students end up finding employment.

“I think what happens is you end up doing what people in the office do—you essentially have been trained. It’s kind of silly for [the company] not to...offer you a job,” says Holly Preuss, a Temple College of Engineering senior who is interning at Bell Atlantic. Preuss has been there for a month, working as part of a systems administration group.

She started out doing data entry, but says that she has been given more and more work based upon her skills and previous experiences in the classroom. Although she hasn’t received a job offer, she notes that people around the office have taken an interest in her plans after graduation, and that she can “definitely” see herself in such a line of work.

Preuss’ positive feelings about her experience are echoed by Edward Edney, another

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Bi-college students deliver HOAP

Beth Myers  
Staff Writer

In a little less than a week, 70 students from Haverford and Bryn Mawr will be packing into vans and heading south to try to make a difference in other people’s lives. These students are giving up the beach this spring break to go on the HOAP trip ‘98.

The Bi-College Housing Outreach Action Program, or HOAP, sends students to underprivileged neighborhoods in the South to build or renovate housing, to rebuild churches destroyed by acts of hate, and to help in many other ways to improve the standard of living for people in need.

Five groups of 11-15 students will be driving to Alabama, South Carolina, West Virginia, and Kentucky, where they will often be working with other organizations such as Habitat for Humanity, an organization which deals with housing rehabilitation, and Christmas in April, a group which deals with rebuilding churches after hate crimes.

This year’s coordinator for the trip is Dan Weiser, who got involved last year when he worked to rebuild a church that had been burned by a hate group. Although he won’t be attending this year’s trip, he remembers how much the students’ actions meant to the people they helped.

Weiser noted, “It’s amazing how accepting and how appreciative communities are when you go to help them. It’s like saying we have time to give and we want to give it to you, and they’re so happy about that.”

Rebecca Olson and Siobhan Feeney are leading a trip this year to Morehead, Kentucky, where they will be working with a local group called Frontier Housing to rehabilitate homes for low-income families. They’ll be staying with a local Catholic Church which has a agreement with Frontier Housing to lodge the program’s volunteers.

Another group, led by Lea Monte, Virginia Ladinich, and Ali Kronley, is heading off to the Prayer House Mission church in Summerton, South Carolina. The area has a history of heavy Klan activity and has had the highest concentration of church arsons in the country. The church was destroyed by fire during an epidemic of hate crimes last summer. The group will be working with Interfaith Rebuilding Partnership, a project run by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Lev Miskochn and Brynne Perrine will be leading a group to Birmingham, Alabama. They will be working with Urban Ministry, run by a United Methodist Church in the area. Their project is to renovate a two story apartment which was donated to the church.

The students will also be participating in some discussions on civil rights issues as well as visiting the civil rights museum. While another group of students is heading off to McKenzie, Alabama, where they will help with the restoration of a “life enrichment center” lead by Josh Andrix and Carrie Hansen. The center offers activities for the physically and mentally disabled. The group will be staying in a boxcar which the center’s director converted for the purpose.

The fifth group, led by Hinton, West Virginia will be lead by Megan Munson and Sadie Chanlet. Their project is to work at a domestic violence shelter, doing landscaping, painting, and some repairs. The group will also be working on renovating some of the homes in this small railroad town.

Although the trip is sponsored by Eighth Dimension, Haverford’s community service organization, it does not receive any funding from them. The budget for the trip is met through fund-raising and petitioning the deans and president of each school for additional funding.

This year’s trip costs around $10,000 for food, accommodations, and supplies. The HOAP trip volunteers have been holding a number of fund-raisers to try to raise the money. They’ve sold candy, T-shirts, roses on Valentine’s Day, and have held penny drives at both Haverford and Bryn Mawr.

The number of people wanting to go on the HOAP trip each year is so high that the participants each year are actually chosen by lottery. The HOAP trip is really an opportunity for members of the Bi-College community to reach out and serve the larger community and, as Dan Weiser puts it, “to help others, and offer our services where we can.”

But the HOAP trip isn’t just about building houses. As Andrix says, “It’s about spending ten days in warm weather with people who are doing really good work.” Andrix went on the trip last year to Georgia and did work with flood relief.

He enjoyed the time he spent and felt it was so worthwhile that he volunteered to be a group leader for this year’s trip. He explained, “There were people from age fifteen down to college students. It was really cool to be exposed to a lot of really different people who were doing good things.”

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Features

Aries
You are very good at listening to others. You can be quick to lose patience with others who don’t know their own minds.

Taurus
You will meet a very exotic person over break. You will do many exotic things. Be safe, but be exotic.

Gemini
You are being to worry about your work. Your energy is in a cycle of ups and downs.

Cancer
There is someone dominating your life. Break free from the power that restrains you, and holds you in place...like the branding on a cattle.

Leo
You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.

Virgo
You are very happy, all of the time. You go to work and you return home with a smile on your face.

Libra
You spend too much time writing. You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.

Scorpio
You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.

Sagittarius
You are very happy, all of the time. You go to work and you return home with a smile on your face.

Capricorn
You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.

Aquarius
You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.

Pisces
You have a lot of energy for work and are able to make a difference in the world.
Community Profile:
Partridge offers perspective of universal proportions

Bruce Partridge is building a satellite with free cable for the whole campus! Well, not really. There’s no free cable, but there is a satellite. Bound for the launching-pad in 2005, it will take pictures of the universe from its solar orbit. And the cost of the satellite is high enough to pay for cable for the whole campus.

Partridge knows a lot about moving around the universe after having lived all over the world. It seems like he’s found the place he likes the best here at Haverford, because he’s been here for almost thirty years. Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, he went to eleven schools and lived in Germany, Italy, and England while his father was in the army.

He ended up at Princeton for his undergrad years and did graduate work in quantum physics at Oxford. After Oxford, he went back to Princeton to teach physics and participate in a group doing research about the early universe. After five years at Princeton, he had become an assistant professor, and in 1970 he arrived at Haverford to teach astronomy.

Partridge is interested in the early universe, partly because the systems involved are “very simple and moderately well-understood.” The main questions he is trying to answer are “where did structure come from?” and “what happened during the first three minutes of the big bang?”

In addition to teaching and researching creation, Partridge has had a large role in the administration of the college. He was Dean of the College from 1982 to 1985 and Provost from 1990 to 1995. “There are many aspects of academic administration that I enjoy,” but he said he missed the classroom. He taught a little bit as Dean, and he worked with students on research he was doing while he was Provost.

While he was Dean and Provost the school went through the computer boom, a wave of faculty hiring, and Honor Code crises. In the early nineties, he was in charge of the Academic Computing Center and is responsible for making all the dorms and buildings on campus hooked up to the Internet. The transition was made “smoothly and cheaply due to the good work of the computer center.” He is also partially responsible for the presence of so many young faces at the front of classrooms: as Provost he helped hire a big group of new professors. Partridge said, “We had good luck in getting the people we wanted, and we got very good people.”

He also witnessed a few Honor Code crises as an administrator. As Dean, trials were a problem. He says some people got extensive punishments and some people got really lenient punishments, and there was so much inconsistency in trials that the faculty started to get worried. Many on campus felt that more Honor Council members should be on juries. Students were pressuring to change the Code and the faculty was resisting. “There was a tension. It was as serious as I’ve ever seen about the Honor Code,” he said.

That time, students called for a special meeting about the Code. One day, classes were canceled and all the students and most of the faculty sat in the Field House and discussed the Code for half the day. The Code was eventually ratified, but only after a lot of discussion. While Provost there was another Code crisis, but he said “it was handled within Honor Council.”

“Each time [talk about changing the Code] occurs, it does affect the faculty. You have to ask if [the Honor Code] is really deeply embodied in the students’ mind. It would be a shame to lose it, because it breaks down barriers between students and faculty. We need all the help we can get to keep those barriers low.”

Partridge is disturbed by current relations between students and faculty. Students, he said, seem to be less interested in working one-on-one with faculty, and they are less willing to take risks, like talking to professors outside of class. The faculty, on the other hand, are also busier with professional work, like research and other projects.

Before, he said, faculty used to teach in their homes and students and faculty would cook dinner for each other. “Informal contacts through political organizations and silly things (like cleaning up campus) that used to bring students and faculty together have faded.” In the classroom, though, the Honor Code lets professors “treat students the way we do professional colleagues—we’re in the enterprise together.”

When Partridge came to Haverford the Astronomy department extended to two people, Steve Boughn and himself. Now he is also teaching with Deborah Haarsman, who is here on a post-doctoral appointment from MIT. She is continuing her research here while she teaches a few classes. Partridge says the concept of post-doc professorship “is to give the person a lot of time to get research done, but it is also to get a chance to teach.”

A few other schools have post-docs, and he said he thinks it will produce better teachers and induce them to teach at liberal arts colleges instead of big research universities. As for the students in the department, he said many prize-winning astronomers have been Haverford graduates. He thinks their success is partly due to their involvement with research here.

His future plans are unclear. He said most likely he will most likely continue to teach here. He is also an officer in the education office of the American Astronomy Society, where he is working to reform physics and astronomy education in graduate schools in the US. Next the Society will tackle reforming education on the undergrad level.

And, as if that wasn’t enough to keep him busy, he is working on a European satellite—a $400 million-dollar satellite, called the Planck Surveyor, which will orbit the sun and make a finely-detailed map of the early universe. This project shows how far he’s come from his early “amateur interest” in astronomy. “It has gone from small experiments done of the rooftop of a building to hundreds of millions of dollars in a satellite project.” Of all his projects, he says, “I have enough to keep me busy for the next ten years of so.”
Circulation an interesting, brave attempt at student film

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Were you wandering around Haverford early Friday night wondering where everybody was? If so it was because you were missing the funniest show in town, taking place in Marshall Auditorium. Ford Against Boredom presented the critically-acclaimed Second City Touring Company with a two hour-plus show jam-packed with hilarious routines and improvisation, and a few surprises thrown in as well.

Second City opened its doors as an improvisation-based comedic theater company in Chicago in 1959. Since then it has been praised at colleges, clubs, theaters and conventions. Many well-known names got their start through Second City, including Bill Murray, Chris Farley, Julia Lewis-Dreyfus, Dan Akroyd, and John Candy.

Judgeing from the audience in Marshall that night, it was obvious that they had heard of Second City’s talent. The auditorium was packed with energetic and excited students, as footballs soared overhead and the crowd got psyched up for the upcoming show.

Right from the start, the troupe, made up of six comedians, gave Haverford its money’s worth. Though already familiar to improvisation sketches due to the bi-college comedy performers the Lighted Fools, the audience was nevertheless delightfully entertained with an improv medley which ended up involving an incompetent Spanish-American war soldier, a “glass eye and a hunch”, and a jaywalker with a terrible phobia of the 302 bus. Afterward, one of the performers took the stage alone and sang an inspirational little medley about being a nobody at 30 while everyone else - from Thomas Edison to the sextuplets, were already graced with fame.

The group kept the audience roaring with a secret agent sketch that was essentially an improvisational routine, where each performer would take an everyday item and link it to a major conspiracy using word association (they were able to connect eggs benedict to Jimmy Hoffa). The performers also demonstrated the effects of different styles of corporate takeovers on a copier retail company, including country, German industrial, and Italian runway model. And these skilled comedians topped off their first act with a portrayal of a Haverford classroom where the teacher has a new (and highly effective) teaching technique - a hand gun and a license to kill.

Second City continued to perform a whole second hour of top-notch sketches during the second act. Highlights included improvisation storytelling, titled "Why I Love my Beer More than You", and utilized various literary styles, from Poe’s to an encyclopedia’s to Penthouse letters.

The crew also discovered some very surprising details about the JFK assassination as they turned themselves into a giant slow-motion video recording of the incident. And these masters were able to "Turn the proverbial tables on the audience", as an aspiring artist revealed his latest work to his fans, which turned out to be the crowd itself. And to finish off its uproarious performance, Second City orchestrated a ballad on the spot about a high school student in the audience who dreamed of someday becoming a cleaning woman.

Second City had one last special treat in store that night, as they returned one more time and performed an all-improvisational routine with the help of the bi-college’s own Lighted Fools (who definitely held their own in the presence of these professionals). Important issues were thoughtfully explored, such as one man’s association of body parts with living snakes, the president wetting his pants as secretary of war Coolio raps along behind him, and breast implants gone terribly wrong.

FAB organizers should be congratulated on an excellent event, although they admitted that they can not take all the credit for the show, since Second City actually called them about the performance. Second City is just one of a host of new and exciting events which FAB is bringing to the college community. For example, on Wednesday, March 18, FAB is planning a trip to be in the audience of Late Night With David Letterman. For more information, suggestions, or questions, check out the FAB web page at www.haverford.edu/deans/SALOFAB.html or e-mail them at ffirst@haverford.edu.

Second City has Marshall in stitches with first-rate comedy

(Credit: Beth Myers) (Kate Howe) and Tez (Zoe Chance), spin out of scenes and snippets; the perspectives and the narrator changing each time to take a new angle on the events. They portray a Saturday night when the characters meet, dance, drink, and smoke up. Included are all the details of both the women’s and the men’s sides from the enterprise of dressing for a party, to the jealous ex-boyfriend, Cannonball Eddie (Ismar Santacruz), staring from across the room. However, there is also a twist in the story; a strange dream-like sequence involving a gun and a back alley, which leaves the audience with a strange sense of confusion.

The majority of the film is set in the library, where Harmony and Chris spend their day checking books out for students and dealing with the strange characters who come through the lobby.

This includes a cameo appearance by the men’s soccer team, performing one of their trademark songs “The More We Get Together,” as well as a strange conversation carried on by two students, Blake (Tony Gross) and Kathy (Simone Marean), about poetry and the meaning of life.

Technically, the film had a few problems with the soundtrack and some timing was a little off in scenes, but the cinematography was interesting, and the shift between black and white scenes and colored was effective. The actors were entertaining and the script itself was amusing. Overall, it wasn’t bad for an independent film and it definitely portrayed an interesting perspective.

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Bosstones cancellation reveals obstacle to big-name events

Though many bemoan the fact that the bi-college community is relatively staid and quiet, few seem to venture a guess as to why. The popular sentiment seems to imply that a general malaise is at fault. But the cancellation of the Mighty Mighty Bosstones show scheduled for this semester seems to indicate a concrete reason.

The reason for the long history of not having large events is that the facilities are simply not adequate. In addition, in the case of this particular event, a lack of communication between the administration and the planners of the concert was a real problem.

Immediately after last semester’s They Might Be Giants concert, the New Point Concert Series started looking for the next band to perform at Haverford. The Mighty Mighty Bosstones was chosen because they had one of the top ten albums, and were considered to be highly popular on campus.

However, it is apparent to both performers and organizers that Marshall Auditorium is a poor location for concerts, mostly because its light and sound system are inadequate. For the Bim Skala Bim concert, over half of the cost went to production, and temporarily remedies this fact. At Taylor Mason’s performance on the 24th of January, Marshall’s sound system became a running joke for the comedian.

Dan Primack, the current head of New Point, feels that the auditorium may possibly be structurally unsound as well, because the upper balcony is a poor place for jumping, moshing crowds.

Primack stressed that we don’t have a suitable facility for concerts in the Bi-Co. The field-house has been considered, but it has no loading dock. The best facility in the Tri-Co is Swarthmore’s outdoor amphitheater, which prohibits events from occurring in the bi-college community.

Taking this into account, and anticipating that possibly as many as 10,000 people might attend, Primack said that New Point decided on an outdoor show to be held on the campus center green April 26th. Marshall’s size created a problem during the popular TMBG concert, and the plan was to allow as many people as possible to see the show.

However, Primack began hearing that the deans were concerned about the show. Having been advised to meet with the Students’ Council, he went and answered all questions about arrangements for security, parking, etc. Still hearing that the deans had concerns, Primack met with Randy Milden, who told him that she would set up a meeting with the deans as soon as possible.

At this point Primack had four days left to send the Bosstones an official order. He sent an e-mail the same day to all of the deans, trying to give them some background information on the concert and answer all questions, so that they would all be on the same level when they met. But they never did have a meeting with him.

Primack met with Zach First of Student Activities, who directed him on to Glenn Normile, head of Haverford security. It is ultimately Normile’s decision whether or not an event occurs, and he felt that it was “beyond the scope of what the Haverford community can deal with.”

Normile’s major concerns about an outdoor show were the limited parking, the damage that parking on the soft wet lawn would cause, the noise level prompting the neighbors of the college to call the police, possible disorderly behavior by drunken students, the infeasability of checking on the backgrounds of outside security forces, and the chance that non-students from outside might be attracted by the noise, and by coming in cause a disturbance.

New Point had known about some of the potential difficulties, and tried to provide for those of them that they could as well as possible. To reduce the amount of space needed for parking, students from Bryn Mawr would be prohibited from driving over, Swarthmore students would be charged for parking, and lot in town would be available.

Repair of any damage to the lawn would be paid for from the proceeds of the concert. To counter the possibility of intoxicated students running amuck the concert would start at 1:00 pm, and no alcohol would be allowed in.

Normile acknowledged Primack’s efforts, but reiterated that even with these measures the scale was too great, saying “Planning is the name of the game. But you also have to have adequate resources, adequate space, and adequate staff to make it work. We did not...Was the event worth the risk? My professional opinion was no.” Which Primack countered in an interview with “An event is always more dangerous than no event...this was going to be an enormous non-alcoholic event, the largest Haverford would have ever seen.”

Prospective students are told about recent or upcoming events on campus, and in his opinion a big name band like The Mighty Mighty Bosstones would have been a real draw.

Most frustrating to Primack is the fact that the deans knew about the concert for a month, voiced concerns, and yet never contacted him. He was unable to address their concerns. The fact that the show was cancelled seemed to Primack “- a massive lack of vision. This would have been something that students here would have remembered for a long time.”

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Ani di Franco’s not just our Righteous Babe anymore. It was bound to happen: a cover article in Spin, a review in Time, a Top 40 hit (“Living in Clip’s “In or Out”). The cat’s been let out of the bag, so-to-speak, and our gem has become the famous pierced poster-girl of our generation. So after all this sudden media brouhaha the question is, does Ani still deliver?

For the most part, on Little Plastic Castle, di Franco’s first full-length album of new material since 1996’s Dilate, she does.

Forget the last track “Pulse,” a poor attempt at trip-hop, and Little Plastic Castle sounds like the culmination of di Franco’s almost decade-long career.

The album’s driving acoustic and electric guitars thanks to di Franco, pulsing drums and hip-hop beats, mostly provided by Andy Stochansky, her long-time sidekick, and the familiar thoughtful, emotion-laden lyrics are exactly what we enlightened fans knew she could do all along.

There are some obvious differences on Little Plastic Castle from di Franco’s older releases. With this new-found fame comes more money, and thus the ability to record in a better recording studio as well as hire more musicians, which explains the horn section on a couple of tracks.

Distracting at first, particularly on the title track, the horns eventually make sense, adding multiple layers to the music. On “Deep Dish,” the humor and deprecation would disappear if there were no horns to emphasize the playfulness and silliness of the flirting game.

However, overall di Franco still sounds best when it is just her, a guitar, and some rhythm. Stripped down and raw is her best sound.

“Gravel,” which was called a little zygote of a song on last year’s live double-length album, has blossomed into a complete track— if it were to be any more “produced,” di Franco’s furious and burning sexuality would be minimized.

The same can be said of “Loom,” another song focusing on attraction and desire. Her voice and lyricism become more powerful when they are emphasized.

Just because there is this extra production (and Jerry Marotta, a well-known session drummer, instead of Andy) on some tracks, doesn’t mean Ani has sold out altogether, especially judging by the contribution of her incredible spoken-word political tracks.

In fact, “Fuel” lambastes this sudden media fame, particularly the entire marketing business. Glibly, she chants, “All the radios agree with all the tv’s and the magazines agree with all the radios and I keep hearing that same damn song everywhere I go.” Sounds exactly like the people who have suddenly embraced our babe. Luckily, for long-time listeners, it’s an embrace which hasn’t extinguished her righteousness.

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Cultural Show unites art and diversity

Rosy Kandathil
Staff Writer

The close of Bryn Mawr's Second Annual Diversity Week found students in large number gathered to celebrate the unfolding of Multicultural Show 1998 in Thomas Great Hall. In what the organizers hope will become a true tradition of this college, cultural groups from all over the campus came together for the very first time to showcase their native talents in the forms of music, song, dance, history and poetry.

It was a joyous occasion that allowed for ASA, Bacaso, Barkada, Mujeres, Rainbow Alliance, Sisterhood, SAW and AIS to take center stage as students enthusiastically cheered them on. The Multicultural Show was an important moment for members of the newly formed group, Common Ground, which was only recently established by the Institutional Diversity Office to provide a valuable forum for cultural groups to communicate and draw support from each other.

Participants in the Show hoped that this event would encourage dialogue and help to educate the general student body on the truly diverse sections of our community.

The evening was an all-around success as it allowed the community, and cultural groups themselves, to discover a tangible sense of support and appreciation in our diverse community.

One of the most unexpected events included an original rap, complete with back-up dancers. As revealed by the magnificent talent of which the Multicultural Show could boast, combined with a large audience turnout, Diversity Week ended on a note of elation and some exhaustion for everyone involved.

Letters

To the Community:

We would like to address the community about the breaking of the HCA path gate arm. Recently, we were involved in the breaking of it and following this incident we realized how irresponsible and disrespectful this careless act is to the community. Such an incident jeopardizes the safety of Haverford students and wastes valuable resources.

First and foremost, this act is disrespectful to the community for several reasons. The HCA gate arm is property of Haverford College, and is here for the benefit of students. When the gate arm is broken, it shows an act of disrespect and immaturity. This not only affects the college, but the students as well. Most importantly, when the gate arm is not up, the safety of Haverford students is at risk. Most Haverford students realize that the HCA path is not a thruway for cars down to the apartments. But visitors to the campus would not realize this if the gate arm is not up. The primary purpose of the path is so that security could improve their response time to the apartments in case of an emergency.

For other reasons, when the HCA arm is broken, it is a waste of time and money for both the physical plant and safety and security. Each morning the college wakes to find the gate arm broken, physical plant must divert time from its regular duties to replace it. This wastes money in terms of labor and new wood for the arm. Additionally, we can see why it is a hindrance for safety and security to deal with this problem. For example, while security could be patrolling campus to keep crime out of Haverford, they need to place an officer on guard watching the gate arm late at night. Also, when it is broken, they have to survey the area and write up a report, which can distract them from more important duties on campus.

Granted, many Haverford students believe that breaking the arm has almost become a "tradition", it is an adolescent act and a criminal offense that needs to stop. If you've done this in the past or plan on doing it in the future, please think about the above ramifications. Albeit people may think "its just a piece of wood", it is there for our safety and there is no reason for it to be broken.

Jeff Lezinski and Greg Rak

Upcoming:

events in the bi-college community

Letters to Cleo with special guest Blind Man’s Sun will perform on April 4th @ 9:00 pm, in Marshall auditorium. Tri-Co student tickets are $10, and can be charged by Haverford students to bookstore accounts, or from Dan Primack at dprimack@haverford.edu. Bryn Mawr students can order through campus mail to New Point Concert Series @ Haverford, using cash, check, or money orders.

On March 5th at 4:00 in Chase auditorium the Bi-Co Film Club and Electra Theatre Company will show a screening of Junky Punky Girls, which won PBS’s Outstanding Short Film of the Year Award, and will also show a sneak preview of Chutney Popcorn.

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Fords run for the gold in Centennial Championships

Haverford's men's track team wrapped up their fifth straight indoor conference title this past weekend at the Centennial Conference Championships. The meet marks the twentieth straight conference victory Haverford runners coached by Tom Donnelly.

The Honor Goats won handily with 130.0 points while Franklin and Marshall took second with 71.5, Dickinson took third with 71.0, and Swarthmore ran a distant fourth with 63.5.

The meet, held at Dickinson College's Kline Sports Center, offered a challenge to the injury plagued Goat's squad. Injuries to two of the team's top runners, Senior co-captain Ntoheko Ntsi and Sophomore Jason Bernstein, could have proved fatal if others had not stepped up their performances.

A key runner proved to be Haverford Senior Ian Fraser who ran away with the meet's MVP award. Fraser dominated winning gold in the 1,500 meter run, the 800 meter run, and leading the distance medley relay and the 3200 meter relay teams to victory.

The outstanding performance by Fraser was complimented by Derek Sylkora's victory in the 200 and third place finish in the 55 meter run, David Raykoff's gold medal in the triple jump, and relay wins in the 4x200 and 4x400.

Of the 16 events held at the two day meet, the 'Fords dominated most, winning 8 gold medals. Also, turning in top performances were Chris Coulston's silver in the 400 meter run, Sam Floyd's gold in the 1500 and silver in the 800, and Jim Mangan's silver in the 5000.

The Goats also swept the running relays with gold in the 4x200 (Sylkora, Coulston, Bryon Powell, Andrew Gray), the 4x400 (Gray, Floyd, Joe McCool, Coulston), the 4x800 (Aaron Cooper, Bobby Hogg, Greg Foster), and the distance medley relay (Frasier, Matt Sazinsky, McCool, Cooper).

Contract storm clouds lurk on NBA's horizon

NBA owners are considering a reopening of the league's Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) in an effort to wrest lost control from the players' union. Owners believe that the autonomy of the players has gotten out of hand, almost sending the league into a state of anarchy. Salaries are spiraling to absurd levels, but there are additional prescient issues that have team owners in a tizzy.

Interference in two trades last week by involved parties underscored the powerlessness of management. Rony Seikaly put a monkey wrench in his proposed trade from Orlando to Utah by forcing the Magic to deal him to the New Jersey Nets. Kenny Anderson similarly refused to report to Toronto after his trade from Portland; Toronto had no choice but to deal the disgruntled point guard to Boston.

According to the CBA, players are obligated to report to new clubs unless their contract specifically contains a no-trade clause. However, there is no uniform provision for punishing players who, like Seikaly and Anderson, threaten to sit out in protest of a trade. Rather than cave in to the blackmail of crybabies like Seikaly and Anderson, teams should call their bluff and let them sit, finding them a game's pay for each missed contest.

There is more to this issue for owners than a mere desire for control; the disturbing trend toward "player-rejected deals" has a very real effect on competition. The addition of a solid center like Seikaly would have pushed the Jazz into clear front-runner status in the West. Not only do the Jazz miss out on a key addition, but they must tackle the chemistry problem of welcoming back two players, Chris Morris and Greg Foster, who are questioning their status in the organization.

Another provision in the CBA that gives general managers and owners headaches is free agency after three years for draft picks. Three years rarely allows an organization enough time to evaluate its top draft picks, especially those who enter the pros with little or no college experience.

Of the top 13 picks in the 1995 draft, only three—the Timberwolves' Kevin Garnett, Grizzlies' Bryant Reeves and Kings' Corliss Williamson—remain with their original teams.

Teams are forced to either sign the unproven players to outlandish contracts such as the 6-year, $68 million contract for Vancouver's Kevin Garnett or deal them before losing them for nothing in return. Joe Smith was sent from Golden State to Philadelphia, while Damon Stoudamire received his freedom from Toronto in a trade to the Trail Blazers. Crumbling franchises, like Toronto, Vancouver, and Golden State, must either over-pay their young stars or watch them bolt for NBA hot spots like Phoenix, New York, Los Angeles, and Chicago.

Finally, the league has to be concerned about the fate of its newest expansion entries, the Vancouver Grizzlies and Toronto Raptors. Due mostly to the tax laws in Canada, the survival of the league is no slam dunk at this point in time.

Professional athletes residing in Canada must forfeit a whopping 54 percent of their salaries to the government, a situation that few free agents will willingly enter. The Raptors have followed a promising season with a disastrous 97-98 campaign and the Grizzlies have yet to rise to mediocrity. With the forced swap of franchise foundation, Stoudamire sets the Raptors back to square one.

Marketing wizard of the 90's, NBA commissioner David Stern has much work to do to insure the continued vitality of his sport.